

# FIRE PREVENTION STANDARDS

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A clear fire break, created by discing, scraping, or mowing, shall be maintained for a *MINIMUM* of **thirty (30) feet** from any combustible structure, fence, etc. that is either on or adjacent to the parcel.

A fire break must be maintained around the perimeter of the property.

Any cut hazardous material shall be removed from the property, i.e. brush, weeds, trees, etc.

Weed abatement shall be done, or redone, each time the growth exceeds six (6) inches in height.

Due to climatic conditions beyond the Districts control, it may be necessary to abate the property more than once a year.

## ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF ABATEMENT

**DISCING:**                The discs shall be set at an angle sufficient to cut the sod loose and adequately bury the growth of weeds, grass, or noxious vegetation existing at the time. Discing shall include rototilling or cultivating. Discing shall be done each time the growth exceeds six (6) inches in height.

**MOWING:**                This shall not exceed two (2) inches in height at completion. Mowing shall be done each time the growth exceeds six (6) inches in height. Combustible material produced by mowing shall be removed from the property.

## PROPERTY ZONED FOR AGRICULTURAL

- The fire break must be maintained even if a valuable crop is planted on the parcel.
- A 30-foot fire break must be maintained on agricultural land that abuts structures, wooden fences, roads, etc.
- All stubble or residual growth must be abated as soon after harvest as possible.

## PARCELS 1 ACRE OR LESS

- Total abatement is required.

## PARCELS GREATER THAN 1 ACRE

- A fire break must be maintained around the perimeter of the property.
- Provide intersecting fire breaks of sixty (60) feet in width which divide the parcel into four (4), approximately, equal sections.
- The hazard must be cut down and removed from the property.

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## **WE WILL NOT**

- Inspect backyards uninvited;
- Climb fences;
- Go into residences uninvited to view a hazard.

The report hazard must be clearly visible from the street, public way, or a location to where the inspector has been invited by an owner or occupant.

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